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SUBJ: MFA RESPONSE ON DYESS HARASSMENT

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1. DURING JUNE 6 CALL BY DCM ON KOMPLEKTOV, DEPUTY CHIEF MFA'S
USA DIVISION, KOMPLEKTOV READ ORAL STATEMENT RESPONDING TO DCM'S
MAY 23 COMPLAINT ABOUT HARASSMENT OF EUR/SOV OFFICER WILLIAM
DYESS (RETEL).

2. TRANSLATION OF ORAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORAL STATEMENT OF THE EMBASSY'S
MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN A CONVERSATION AT THE USA DIVISION ON
MAY 23, APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES WERE MADE.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT ON MAY 21 A SOVIET CITIZEN, A.K.
CHEBOTAREV, WHO WAS IN THE HOTEL ROSSIYA ON PERSONAL BUSINESS,
MET THERE W. DYESS, WITH WHOM HE HAD BECOME ACQUAINTED DURING
HIS STAY IN THE USA UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY.
KNOWING ABOUT THE UNSEEMLY ACTIVITY OF DYESS, MANIFESTED IN HIS
PARTICIPATION IN INTERROGATIONS AND ANTI-SOVIET TREATMENT OF
INDIVIDUAL SOVIET CITIZENS IN THE USA, INCLUDING HIMSELF,
CHEBOTAREV WAS SURPRISED BY THE APPEARANCE OF DYESS IN MOSCOW.
HE EVEN EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE TO DYESS.

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IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, THE ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOCE NOTED ORAL STATMENT, THAT THERE WAS SOME SORT OF PROVOCATION INVOLVING DYESS, HAS NO BASIS AND IS ABSOLUTELY REJECTED. THE AMERICAN SIDE SHOUDL DRAW THE APPROPRIATE CONCUSIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT.

END QUOTE

3. DCM REPOIED THAT HE COMPLETELY REJECTED KOMPLEKTOV'S ALLEGATION ABOUT DYESS' ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY, AND WISHED TO UNDERLINE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORK DYESS WAS INVOLVED IN ARRANGING MEETINFS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND SOVIET CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO RETURN TO THE USSR. DCM SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED BY THIS ALLEGATION, BECAUSE DYESS IN FACT WORKED VERY HARD ON BEHALF OF IMPROVING US-SOVIET RELATIONS. THIS INCLUDED EFFORTS TO SOLVE SOME VERY DIFFICULT AND DELICATE CASES INVOLVING REPATRIATION OF DEFECTORS, FOR WHICH THERE ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. DCM ADDED THAT DYESS WAS QUITE CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NEVER MET CHEBOTAREV.
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